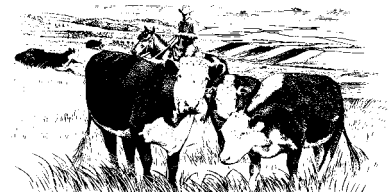


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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 415 thousand head on February 1, 2000, the same as last month, and 8 percent above February 1999. During January, placements of 57.0 thousand head were 27 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were 9 percent below January 1999. Other disappearance totaled 7.00 thousand head.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 2.05 million, 1 percent above 1999 and 3 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 69.0 thousand during January, 1 percent below 1999 and 30 percent below 1998.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 10 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 11.58 million head on February 1, 2000. The inventory was 10 percent above February 1, 1999 and 7 percent above February 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.23 million, 15 percent above 1999 and 29 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.16 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 494 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 696 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 654 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 382 thousand.

CATTLE ON FEED UP 11 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.89 million on February 1, 2000, up 11 percent from the previous year and 8 percent above February 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.93 million, 15 percent above 1999 and 29 percent above 1998. Marketings during January totaled 1.75 million, 1 percent above 1999 and 3 percent above 1998. Other disappearance during January was 51.0 thousand head, 9 percent above 1999, but 35 percent below 1998.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS FOR SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed January 1 ^{1/}			Placed During January		Marketed During January	
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	1999	2000
Thousand Head							
Arizona	206	272	132	25	29	28	24
California	400	415	104	45	57	55	50
Colorado	1,140	1,180	104	260	290	250	260
Iowa	335	375	112	56	60	40	48
Kansas	2,110	2,310	109	420	520	490	480
Nebraska	2,110	2,300	109	450	500	400	420
Texas	2,720	2,900	107	425	475	475	465
Seven-State Total	9,021	9,752	108	1,681	1,931	1,738	1,747
State	Other Disappearance During January ^{2/}		Number on Feed February 1		2000/1999		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	Percent		
Thousand Head					Percent		
Arizona	1	2	202	275	136		
California	5	7	385	415	108		
Colorado	10	10	1,140	1,200	105		
Iowa	1	2	350	385	110		
Kansas	10	10	2,030	2,340	115		
Nebraska	10	10	2,150	2,370	110		
Texas	10	10	2,660	2,900	109		
Seven-State Total	47	51	8,917	9,885	111		

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES, CANADA AND U.S., JANUARY 1, 1999-2000 ^{1/}

Class	Canada ^{2/}			United States ^{3/}		
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	2000/1999
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	12,870	12,655	98	99,115	98,048	99
All Cows:	5,369	5,293	99	42,878	42,734	100
Beef	4,189	4,151	99	33,745	33,546	99
Milk	1,180	1,142	97	9,133	9,188	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. +	1,762	1,699	96	19,774	19,528	99
Beef Replacement	582	579	99	5,535	5,530	100
Milk Replacement	491	468	95	4,069	3,954	97
Other Heifers	689	652	95	10,170	10,045	99
Steers 500 Lbs. +	1,101	1,122	102	16,891	16,652	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. +	227	230	101	2,281	2,294	101
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	4,412	4,311	98	17,290	16,840	97
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1999/1998
Calf Crop	5,242	5,142	98	38,812	38,710	100

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{2/} Source: Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.

^{3/} Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE RATES ^{1/}

Year	Per Animal Unit ^{2/}	Cow-Calf	Per Head
	Dollars Per Month		
1990	9.81	13.00	10.46
1991	9.61	11.63	12.37
1992	10.09	13.29	12.09
1993	10.40	13.30	11.20
1994	11.00	13.10	11.80
1995	10.50	12.80	11.10
1996	10.10	12.20	11.90
1997	10.60	13.00	12.00
1998	11.50	14.50	12.90
1999	12.10	15.00	12.50

^{1/} The average rates are estimates (rates over \$10.00 are rounded to the nearest dime) based on survey indications of monthly lease rates for private, non-irrigated grazing land from the January Agricultural Survey.

^{2/} Includes animal unit plus cow-calf rates. Cow-calf rate converted to animal unit (AUM) using (1 aum=cow-calf *0.833).

FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		January 1999	December 1999	Jan. 15, 2000	January 1999	December 1999	Jan. 15, 2000
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	78.00	79.00	75.00	78.50	71.10	71.80
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	79.00	81.00	81.00	81.40	73.20	74.10
Hogs ^{3/ 4/}	Cwt.	---	---	---	26.30	35.60	36.30
Cows ^{4/}	Cwt.	33.50	34.00	35.50	33.40	35.10	35.20
Steers and Heifers ^{4/}	Cwt.	61.50	67.00	67.00	62.20	70.80	70.70
Calves ^{4/}	Cwt.	77.50	87.50	91.00	83.20	98.60	102.00
Sheep ^{4/}	Cwt.	28.50	33.50	30.00	32.40	33.40	---
Lambs ^{4/}	Cwt.	68.00	77.00	72.00	68.20	77.60	---
Milk Cows ^{5/}	Head	1,340.00	---	1,480.00	1,250.00	---	1,330.00
Milk Whsle. ^{4/}	Cwt.	16.20	11.50	11.00	17.40	12.20	11.90

^{1/} The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} California's January 15, 1999 price includes larger than normal percentage of low quality hay sales.

^{3/} Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

^{4/} Previous month revised to monthly average.

^{5/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California production of red meat during January 2000 totaled 88.3 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent below last month and 1 percent below January 1999. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In January 2000, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,257 pounds; calves, 167 pounds; and hogs, 218 pounds.

U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.78 billion pounds in January 2000, down 1 percent from the 3.83 billion pounds produced in January 1999.

January 1999 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays. January 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays (including one holiday).

Beef production, at 2.18 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, down 1 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year to 1,229 pounds.

Veal production totaled 17.0 million pounds, 2 percent below January a year ago and equal to the previous record low for January set in 1998. Calf slaughter totaled 93.0 thousand head, down 12 percent from January 1999. The average live weight was 33 pounds above last year at 311 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.57 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.14 million head, 5 percent below 1999. The average live weight, at 262 pounds, was 3 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.0 million pounds, was up 7 percent from January 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 282 thousand head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from January a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 1998-99 1/ 2/

Species & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	80.8	83.5	104,415	104,908	1,292	1,257
U.S.	2,961.3	2,936.9	3,612,644	3,610,156	1,220	1,229
CALVES						
California	15.0	11.6	1,846	1,926	123	167
U.S.	105.4	92.7	29,326	28,848	278	311
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
U.S.	268.7	281.7	35,941	38,645	134	137
HOGS						
California	208.0	192.7	45,028	42,045	216	218
U.S.	8,553.7	8,140.8	2,215,150	2,132,806	259	262
RED MEAT	January 1999	December 2000	January 2000	Jan. 00 Jan. 99	Jan. 00 Dec. 99	
	Million Pounds		Percent			
California	89.0	91.7	88.3	99	96	
U.S.	3,832.9	3,862.2	3,784.5	99	98	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Data were revised for 1999 and December 2000 U.S. red meat.

WOOL PRODUCTION

Shorn wool production in California during 1999 was 3.63 million pounds, up 1 percent from 1998. Sheep and lambs shorn, at 480 thousand head, remained the same as the previous year.

The average price paid for wool sold in 1999 was \$0.35 per pound. The total value was \$1.27 million, down 42 percent from \$2.20 million in 1998.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price Per Pound		Value 1/	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Head		Lbs.		1,000 Lbs.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	480.0	480.0	7.5	7.6	3,600	3,630	0.61	0.35	2,196	1,271
Colorado	490.0	460.0	6.9	7.0	3,364	3,227	0.53	0.40	1,783	1,291
Iowa	240.0	225.0	6.0	6.0	1,440	1,340	0.26	0.16	374	214
Montana	367.0	336.0	9.3	9.5	3,423	3,196	0.78	0.50	2,670	1,598
New Mexico	265.0	280.0	9.0	8.3	2,379	2,320	0.89	0.56	2,117	1,299
Oregon	210.0	197.0	6.6	6.3	1,380	1,246	0.48	0.30	662	374
South Dakota	355.0	345.0	8.3	8.2	2,950	2,845	0.59	0.36	1,741	1,024
Texas	1,300.0	1,170.0	7.1	6.8	9,230	7,956	0.63	0.49	5,815	3,898
Utah	337.0	320.0	9.4	9.4	3,157	3,010	0.62	0.32	1,957	963
Wyoming	650.0	570.0	8.5	8.6	5,540	4,930	0.77	0.49	4,266	2,416
UNITED STATES	6,428.0	6,150.0	7.7	7.6	49,255	46,549	0.60	0.38	29,415	17,852

1/ Production multiplied by marketing-year average price for individual states. U.S. value is the summation of state values.

FARM NUMBERS

In 1999, an estimated 89.0 thousand farms operated on 27.8 million acres in California. The average farm size is 312 acres. The number of farms remained the same as 1998, but the land in farms decreased 2 percent from the previous year.

The number of farms in the United States in 1999 is estimated at 2.19 million, up fractionally from 1998. Total land in farms, at 947.3 million acres, was down 1 percent from last year. The average farm size decreased 3 acres from 1998 to 432 acres.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS ^{1/}

State and Item		1997	1998	1999
CALIFORNIA	No. of Farms	87,000	89,000	89,000
	Land in Farms (Thousand Acres)	28,700	28,500	27,800
	Avg. Size of Farms (Acres)	330	320	312
UNITED STATES	No. of Farms	2,190,510	2,191,360	2,194,070
	Land in Farms (Thousand Acres)	956,010	953,500	947,340
	Avg. Size of Farms (Acres)	436	435	432

^{1/} A farm is a place that sells or normally would sell \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during the year. Includes places with five or more horses, regardless of sales. Excludes boarding stables and racetracks.

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